Suratgarh Thermal Power Station

4683. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA:
SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Suratgarh Thermal Power Station, Stage-II Project of Rajasthan is under consideration of Government for sanction; and

(b) if so, the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARA MANGALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rajasthan State Electricity Board (RSEB) has submitted a proposal to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for setting up of Suratgarh Thermal Power Station Stage-II project in the State Sector, The CEA has advised RSEB on 5.5.1998 to tie-up pending essential inputs before they could consider granting techno-economic clearance to the project.

Allocation of Power from Kol Dam Project

4684. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA:
SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has brought to the notice of Central Government the breach of contract by Himachal Pradesh Government on Kol Dam Project agreement dated 30th June, 1984 signed between State Governments of Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Central Government propose to allocate power from Kol Dam Project to Rajasthan, as per the agreement already executed;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government of Rajasthan has proposed for special allocation over and above the allocation from central sector power station till Rajasthan gets share of power from Kol Dam Project as per agreement; and

(e) if so, what action is being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARA MANGALAM): (a) to (d) On 30th June, 1984, an agreement was executed between State Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan for investigation and execution of Kol Dam Hydel Project, The agreement provided for sharing of investment and benefits between the two States in the manner in dicated below:

	Capital	Benefits
Rajasthan	75%	63%
Himachal Pradesh	25%	37%

The execution of the Kol Dam Project could not be taken up due to problem of funding. Thereafter, the Government of Himachal Pradesh invited bids for execution of projects in the Private Sector. Since the response was not adequate, Government of Himachal Pradesh has now suggested that the project may be executed by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) or any other agency of the Central Government. The modalities for project funding, execution and sharing of costs and benefits have to be firmed up in consultation with the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

(e) The following additional assistance has been rendered to Rajasthan in meeting the power demand of the State:

(i) One third of the total output of Anta Gas based Station of NTPC has been allocated to RSEB since Oct. 1993, in addition to its share thus providing an additional allocation of around 110 MW.

(ii) The allocation of 25% (around 200 MW) out of unallocated quota in Central stations in the Northern Region.

(iii) Additional allocation from Central sector stations provided is as under:

Dadri Gas Power Station	135 MW
Chamera HPS	89 MW

There is, however, no proposal under consideration to allocate additional power on firm basis to Rajasthan from Central Sector Power Projects in terms of the agreement dated 30.6.1984 between Governments of Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh.

Export of Energy From Eastern Region

4685. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the existing arrangement for energy export from eastern region;

(b) the plan for strengthening the same; and

(c) the bottlenecks to establish a back to back DC transmission system between EREB and SREB/NREB?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The existing arrangement for Export of Energy from the Eastern Region to the neighbouring Regions is as under:

(i) Dehri (BSEB)-Sahupuri (UPSEB) 220 KV S/C line (Eastern-Northern Region)

(ii) Korba (MPEB)-Budhipadai (GIRDCO) 220 KV D/C line (Eastern-Western Region)

(iii) Balimella (GRIDCO)-Upper Sileru (APSEB) 220 KV S/C line (Eastern-Sourthern Region)

(iv) Birpara (WBSEB)-Bongaigaon (APSEB) 220 KV S/C line (Eastern-Northern Region)

(b) Efforts are being made to enhance the export of power from Eastern Region to other regions by augmenting the inter-regional transmission links between Eastern Region and neighbouring regions. Following inter-regional links are under constructions:

(i) Korba-Budhipadar 220 KV 3rd circuit between Eastern Region and Western Region.

(ii) Dehri-Karamnasa 132 KV 2nd circuit between Eastern Region & Northern Region.

(iii) Jeypore-Guzuwaka 400 KV line and Guzuwaka HVDC Back-to-Back Station between Eastern Regions and Southern Regions.

(c) No bottlenecks have been reported in regard to establishment of HVDC Back to Back transmission system between Eastern Region and Southern Region/Northern Region. While one circuit of Jeypore Guzuwaka 400 kv D/C link associated with the HVDC Back to Back System has been completed recently, Back to Back station at Guzuwaka is expected to be commissioned by March, 1999.

Power Shortage

4686. SHRI O.P. KHOLI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic and industrial consumers as well as the farmers continue to reel under the impact of power shortage in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the long and short term measures contemplated to bridge the gap between the demand and availability of power?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The details of power supply position in the country during the month of June, 1998